



Application No. 10/621,624
Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): H. KATAYANAGI et al.

Serial No. : 10/621,624

Filed : July 16, 2003

For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS FOR
OBTAINING CLEAN IMAGES

Art Unit : 2852

Examiner : BEATTY, ROBERT B.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
January 8, 2004 the term for response to which expires on
April 8, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth beginning on
page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 14 of this paper. Claims 1-10 are
canceled, and claims 11-31 are added.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

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Dated: April 8, 2004

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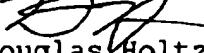
which 2 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$18.00 for the addition of 1 extra claim in total is attached hereto. In addition authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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